

Atty. Docket No. JP9-2000-0267
(590.083)

REMARKS

The fact that December 25, 2005, fell on a Sunday and Monday, December 26, 2005, was a Federal Holiday ensures that this paper is timely filed as of December 27, 2005, the next business day.

In the Office Action dated October 25, 2005, pending Claims 1-22 were rejected and the rejection made final. Of these claims, Claims 1, 4, 6, 10, 12-13, 15-17, 19-22 are independent claims; the remaining claims are dependent claims. All claims stand rejected 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Thielens et al. (hereafter "Thielens") in view of Stern et al. (hereafter "Stern") and further in View of WordPerfect Version 5.1 for DOS (hereafter "WordPerfect"). The Office is respectfully requested to reconsider the rejections presented in the outstanding Office Action in light of the following remarks.

The comments made in the previous Amendments are equally applicable here, however, in the interest of brevity they are not repeated but merely incorporated by reference. In responding to these comments, however, the Office states in the outstanding Office Action,

the recitation in a markup description language has not been given patentable weight because the recitation occurs in the preamble. A preamble is generally not accorded any patentable weight where it merely recites the purpose of a process or the intended use of a structure, and where the body of the claim does not depend on the preamble for completeness but, instead, the process steps or structural limitations are able to stand alone.

(*Office Action* at 13). A review of the independent claims, however, shows that using the standard set forth by the Office, the preamble should have been given patentable weight.

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While the following discussion is in reference to independent Claim 1, it is equally applicable to all of the independent claims as similar language appears therein.

Claim 1 is reproduced below for the convenience of the Office:

1. An error correction support method for application data written in a markup description language, said method comprising the steps of:

defining a tag set to prevent errors or incorrect character conversions that occur frequently during the re-input of text; and

using a tag set to add rewritten information to a predetermined portion of said application data.

The last three words of the claim are "said application data". The antecedent basis for this language is the phrase "application data written in a markup description language" which appears in the preamble of the claim. (emphasis added) Thus, the body of the claim depends upon the preamble for completeness and the preamble should be given patentable weight. As such, preventing errors or incorrect character conversions in a markup description language is simply not taught or suggested by any of the applied art.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12-13, 15-17, 19-22 are fully distinguishable over the applied art and are thus allowable. By virtue of dependence from Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 13, and 17, it is thus also submitted that Claims 2-3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 14 and 18 are also allowable at this juncture. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 1-22 fully distinguish over the applied art and are thus in condition for allowance. Notice to the effect is hereby earnestly solicited.

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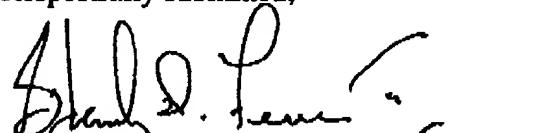
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If there are any further issues in this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below prior to the issuance of an Advisory Action.

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